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Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Retired)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Admiral Bates:

The following information is furnished in connection with your letter of 28 July 1958.

Retired or retainer pay checks may be mailed to a bank for endorsement and deposit to an account or to an individual other than the payee for negotiation whenever power of attorney has been granted to the bank or other designated person.

It is required only that, upon completion of negotiations for such power of attorney, you advise the Navy Finance Center over your personal signature the name and address of your attorney in fact. Upon receipt of this information, your checks will be addressed and mailed accordingly. In this connection, the check will always be made payable to the member, i.e. John Q. Doe, Care of First National Bank, Retirementburg, California.

Since the name and address of the attorney in fact is printed on the stencil which is used in addressing checks and routine notices, it is suggested that you make arrangements to have items other than your checks forwarded by your attorney in fact to you at such address as you may designate.

Sincerely yours,



P. R. LALLY
Commander, SC, USN
Acting Commanding Officer

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357 BENEFIT STREET

Providence 3, R.I.
1 August 1958

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates
12 Mount Vernon Street
Newport, R.I.

Dear Batesy:

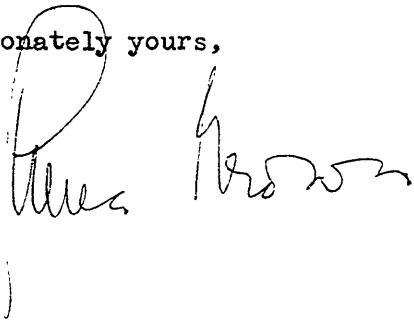
This is just a line to tell you how keenly disappointed John and I were to miss the party in your honor given by Admiral and Mrs. Ingersoll. We were unexpectedly fog-bound on Fishers Island and had to come back by motor and ferry which put us in too late for the party.

We had not realized that this was your farewell to the Navy, if such a thing is really possible, because you and the Navy belong together and will probably be so in spirit "until death you do part", to borrow from the marriage service. (I see the Daily News has already gotten ahead of me). Because John and I both feel that yours and the Navy's mutual admiration for one another is so richly deserved, we shall never think of you apart.

We fervently hope and expect that you will continue to live among us in Newport, as you have contributed so much to the community in gaiety and kindness and sympathy and, above all, in making the community understand and love and admire the Navy.

Forgive this lame way of saying what we should have liked to have said in person last Tuesday, but it goes with our very warm wishes for your future and admiration for your past.

Affectionately yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script. The first name "Peter" is written with a large, looping 'P' and a small 'e'. The last name "Brown" is written with a large, sweeping 'B' and a trailing flourish.

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Stockholm, 12 August 1958.

Dear Admiral Bates,

Many thanks for your nice farewell gift! I wear it every now and then, and it always reminds me of one of the happiest years of my life. I think I dare to tell you now, that I consider it a great favor that I got the opportunity to know you and get friends with you. I only regret that I got such a short glimpse of the results of your research at the NWC. It certainly would be of great benefit to all friendly navies, could it be made available.

I also appreciated having you as a neighbour in Mount Vernon Street. Rolf Henningsen, and I had a very good time there, and we were very grateful for your overlooking our late and noisy habits.

I had a nice, and not too uneventful

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trip back home to Sweden in a Norwegian passenger ship. After some weeks' vacation, I have started working again. I must admit that I did it with an awkward feeling, after one year as an irresponsible student. Yet I am very happy, as I will get the command of the destroyer Småland from October.

I gather that you have retired from the War College now. Will you be travelling around in future years?

If you get an opportunity to visit my remote corner of the world, please let me know. I am looking forward to meet you again.

Yours very sincerely

Christer Kierkegaard.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, PACIFIC AREA
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SERVICE, PACIFIC AREA
NOT TO THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER
REFER TO

18 August 1958

RADM Richard W. Bates, USN,
12 Mt. Vernon,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral:

The current issue (20 August) of Navy Times carries an article about your retirement on 31 July, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my very best wishes for your every happiness and success, in the well-merited years of retirement ahead of you.

It is nice for me to recall my very pleasant tour of duty with you in the closing days of World War II, and I sincerely hope that I may have an opportunity of seeing you in the not too distant future.

Since leaving your command in November, 1945, I^{have} had some interesting duty, including two years in Leghorn (Livorno) Italy, as C.O. of the MSTS Headquarters for the entire Mediterranean area. This was an extremely fortunate tour of duty, and my family thoroughly enjoyed it, especially our three girls, who managed to see a considerable amount of Europe.

With kindest personal regards and all best wishes for your continued happiness in retirement, I remain

Respectfully yours,

DAVID J. WALSH
Captain, U. S. N.

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R Adm Bates

August 27, 1958

Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Social Security Administration
District Office
Providence 3, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the request of Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret) (Social Security No. 037-26-0489), I am certifying here that U. S. Navy records show that:

a. Admiral Bates served from June 21, 1911 to July 31, 1958 inclusive with the following exception--he was retired for physical disability on April 30, 1949 and he was recalled to active duty on July 1, 1949--an absence from active duty of but two months.

b. He was born at San Francisco, California on January 16, 1892.

c. His serial number is 9027.

Very truly yours,

S. H. INGERSOLL
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
President, Naval War College

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RT. REV. HENRY H. SHIRES, D.D., S.T.D.
SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

September 23, 1958

My dear Dick:

I venture to call you Dick because you seem like a very real and dear brother. I cannot tell you how deeply I am affected by your wonderful letter upon the occasion of my retirement. It is this sort of thing which makes the ministry so rich an experience. That I value your love and friendship, you must know.

Thank you again with all my heart.

I am,

Faithfully,

Henry H. Shires

Rear Admiral Richard Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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THE JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE
AND
MEDICAL CENTER
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 9, 1958

Dear Richard:

Thanks very much for your note in regard to the book, "Abandon Ship." I went out and got it and read it immediately, with a great deal of interest. I had Draper get a copy also; and I sent him my comments on the book. I enclose a copy of these comments.

In addition, I sent Draper what some of my superiors had written regarding their opinion of the Philippine Sea Frontier, as I resented very much "Sock" McMorris' remarks that the PSF was loosely organized. *PC 276*

I have always felt very badly about the action that was taken in regard to Gillette Granthum and the two young Reserves, as there was absolutely no excuse for it. As you know, I was very, very fond of Lynde McCormack, but actually, as he was "Action Addressee" there was no excuse for his Staff's not requesting a repeat, when they received a garbled message, which they could not decode.

I trust all goes well with you, and that we will see you at the Army-Navy game. After the game, we hope that you and your girl friend will come round to the apartment.

With my best personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,



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Wednesday
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Dickie my dear,
Your very nice letter
came yesterday and both Swede
and I were so glad to hear
from you. Swede has wanted
to write to you for a long
time but just hasn't been
up to it since the operation
in March. He refused to have
me answer his mail so that
is the reason that you haven't
heard from him.

We moved into our home
here the middle of July and
our bills were deluged that

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we had a place of our own. It
made the adjustment for Swede
much easier and gave us a
feeling of security that we
needed so much. I gambled
on having a year in the home
with my Swede. But guess the
odds were against us. Swede
started having trouble in August
and by the last of September he
was in such agony that it
was impossible to keep him
at home and besides he was
having difficulty breathing. We
really held out as long as we
could for I think we both
knew that if he went back
into the hospital he never

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would get out again. He is in
an oxygen tent day and night
and has a special watch around
the clock except for the 8:00
to 1:30 period which I am on
duty. He is suffering a great
deal and I can tell you it
is heartbreak. I have to sit
and watch him when he is so
miserable. What courage he has
and what patience and faith.
Being with him is an inspiration
to me and he in his ^{physical} weakness
gives me strength. The doctors
don't think that he has more
than a few weeks to live but
he may fool us. He has been
through so much - I don't see

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how he can stand much more.

Our lives together have been perfect in spite of our troubles and the near-thing of him; without him paralyzes me but I am sure that God will give each of us strength to face each day as it comes. I am grateful for the happiness that we have had together and shall always cherish every precious memory of our lives together.

Liz has been so perfectly darling to Swede and me - she comes in to see her Daddy every day - sometimes twice a day and she has cheered me up so much. Alice and her

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children were here for three weeks
and we were so thankful to have
her here. She is good for Swede and
made him forget his trouble -
bit. We really have wonderful
girls and we are so proud of
them.

It was good to have news of
you and to know that you
had enjoyed another Newport
summer. It is the perfect place
to be for about four months of
the year.

Swede is much more so &
will have to take care of him.
Just wanted you to know that
we appreciated your nice letter.

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and your thoughts of me.
I send you so much
love

Devotly
J. G.

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Admiral R. W. Bates
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